

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*



Red-shouldered Hawk and Chicks near Friant Dam – Photo Credit: John Bohrman, retired SCCAO staff member, 2013 Contest honorable mention winner

The Red-shouldered Hawks are forest raptors living in riparian and oak woodlands in the west. They are one of the most distinctively marked common hawks, with barred reddish-peachy underparts and a strongly banded tail. In flight, translucent crescents near the wingtips help to identify the species at a distance. These forest hawks hunt prey ranging from small mammals, lizards, snakes, and amphibians. They hunt from perches below the forest canopy or at the edge of a pond, sitting silently until they sight their prey below. They occasionally eat birds, sometimes from bird feeders; recorded prey include sparrows, starlings and doves.

For more information on Red-shouldered Hawks, please visit:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red-shouldered\\_Hawk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red-shouldered_Hawk)

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birding/red-shouldered-hawk/>

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